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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$1462 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$2362 for a Large Entity

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- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$1462**
 - **\$344** for **4** independent claims over 3.
 - **\$828** for **46** total claims over 20.
 - **\$290** for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



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In re Application of:)	
Yamini PATEL <i>et al</i>)	Group Art No. 1652
Serial No: 10/802,034)	Examiner: TBA
Filed: March 17, 2004)	Docket No. 012047.00047

For: HIGH VISCOSITY XANTHAN POLYMER PREPARATIONS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), dated May 3, 2004, Applicants submit herewith the statutory basic filing fee of \$770, the missing parts surcharge of \$130, the executed Declaration and Assignment documents, and a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application. The period for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application expires on August 3, 2004, and thus these fees and the Declaration are timely filed. The fees are calculated as follows:

Basic Filing Fee	\$770
Surcharge for submitting the filing fee and Declaration subsequent to the filing date	\$130
4 independent claims over 3	\$344
46 total claims over 20	\$828
Multiple dependent claim surcharge	\$290
Total Fees	\$2362


Yamini Patel, *et al.*

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/802,034

It is believed that all Patent and Trademark Office requirements have now been fully met and it is respectfully requested that the above-identified patent application be forwarded for examination.

Please charge the filing of this paper and any additional fee, which may be associated to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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